

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

City of Eugene ♦ Oregon

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) is a major initiative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); and

Whereas, the ACT-SO program provides a forum through which African-American youth demonstrate academic, artistic, and scientific prowess and expertise, thereby gaining the same recognition often only reserved for athletes or entertainers; and

Whereas, ACT-SO is a year-long enrichment program designed to recruit, stimulate, improve, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students; and

Whereas, the ACT-SO program centers around the dedication and commitment of community volunteers and business leaders to serve as mentors and coaches to promote academic and artistic excellence among African-American students; and

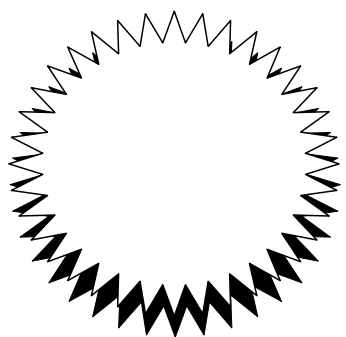
Whereas, competitions are conducted annually for students in grades 9 - 12 in NAACP branches throughout the country; and

Whereas, participating branches hold local competitions in the categories of Science, Humanities, Performance and Visual Arts; and

Whereas, Destiny Henderson, Desiree Fountaine and Courtney Howard, of Churchill High School earned gold medals and the right to attend the national ACT-SO competition this year; and

Whereas, the gold medal winners from the local competitions go on to compete on a national level, with this year's event taking place in Milwaukee, Wisconsin,

Now, therefore, I, Kitty Piercy, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon do hereby recognize the contributions of ACT-SO and the NAACP and encourage all citizens of this community to join with me in congratulating and honoring these outstanding students for their achievements in the local and national ACT-SO competitions.



Kitty Piercy, Mayor

Date